The Bride of Adarshan

Chapter 9

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Chapter 7

[A LIGHT OF HOPE IN A MOONLESS NIGHT]

The queen mother Marielle.
My half-brother, the king's, biological mother, and my step-mother—
I caught wind of an absurd rumor
That said that the advisory council, who should have faithfully devoted themselves to the king's service, is planning a horrible scheme

A HORRIBLE SCHEME, YOU SAID?
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT WE
WE ARE THE KING'S FAITHFUL RETAINERS
IF THAT'S SO,
THEN WHY IS THAT MAN HERE?!
Step back. A filthy child with a humble birth like you
WE HUMBLY REQUESTED FOR PRINCE ALEXID'S PRESENCE HERE.
AND WE HAVE OUR REASONS FOR THAT
THESE ARE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT REQUIRE PRIVATE CONSULTING WITH, AND APPROVAL FROM, THOSE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

glare
THE ROYAL FAMILY?
HOW CAN YOU CALL A LOWLY MAN WITH UNKNOWN ORIGINS A PART OF THE ROYAL FAMILY?
PLEASE LET ME SAY THIS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.
I AM VERY HONORED ABOUT THEIR DECISION,
BUT I CANNOT POSSIBLY UNDERTAKE THIS POSITION
QUEEN MOTHER,
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF SOILING THE NAME OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.
I FEEL SICK.
THEIR LOOKS ARE UNUSUALLY SUGGESTIVE.

chatter
I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE HERE.
IN THE CONFUSION AND DISORDER THAT FOLLOWED, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MADE A FEW RESOLUTIONS
REGARDING THE SUCCESSION OF THE REGION OF GLEN. THE PLANS TO DECLARE WAR WITH THE KINGDOM OF BLAUKRENT COMMENCED.
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL DIDN'T REQUEST MY PRESENCE AGAIN.
AFTER THAT,

UM, THIS IS THAT NOBLE FROM GLAKEN NAMED
LORD ELIAS
YOUR HIGHNESS
I'M HONORED THAT YOU REMEMBER ME

We're playing in the snow!!
THE PRINCESS IS VERY CUTE
SPEAKING OF THE IMPERIAL PRINCESS OF CASTORIA, SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE KEPT IN A VERY SECLUDED PLACE
We're having a snowball fight!
NO, NO, ABSOLUTELY NOT!
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN
I APOLOGIZE FOR ALL THE TROUBLE THE OTHER DAY

Hold on
WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE A CHILD THAT BIG AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE?
I FEEL LIKE I UNDERSTAND HOW A PARENT MUST FEEL ABOUT HAVING SUCH A POOR EXCUSE FOR A CHILD
We're making a snow doll!
Well, if I have to be honest
there's no doubt that she's quite cute, but
I AM SURE IT MUST BE VERY PAINFUL FOR YOU TO LEAVE THAT PRINCESS HERE,
AND LEAVE FOR THE FRONT.
MY DEPARTURE HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED

This isn't good.
Distrust.
Discontent.
Irritation.
Impatience.
Just a touch of unease
And I will return to a dark mood
Your Highness,
Please come to Glaken
We would greatly appreciate your presence
What a strong look...
Prince Alexid

THANK YOU
It's very simple. You only have to fight and win
After all the enemy country, Blaukrent, is no more than a mish-mash group of people
Let's hope so
No, it definitely is so
THIS IS THE MAJORITY OPINION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR THE STATE TO HAVE SUCH AN IMMATURE RECOGNITION OF THINGS?
MY BROTHER WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

I KNOW WHERE THIS ANXIETY AND IRRITATION OF MINE COMES FROM.
IT'S SURELY BECAUSE MY BROTHER, WHO ALWAYS GAVE PROPER ORDERS, AND INDICATED CLEARLY WHO OUR TRUE ENEMIES WERE...
IS SICK, AND WON'T WAKE UP.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT AM I HERE FOR?
I CAN'T SEE THE PATH THAT I HAVE TO WALK ON.
BECAUSE THE LIGHT THAT'S SUPPOSED TO SHINE ON THAT PATH IS HIDDEN LIKE THE MOON.
AND THE HAND THAT WOULD HAVE GUIDED ME IN THE DARKNESS IS NO LONGER...
ALEC!
I KNEW YOU WERE IN HERE!
WELL, GOOD! ARE YOU STILL WORKING?
WHEN WILL YOU BE DONE?
jump
jump

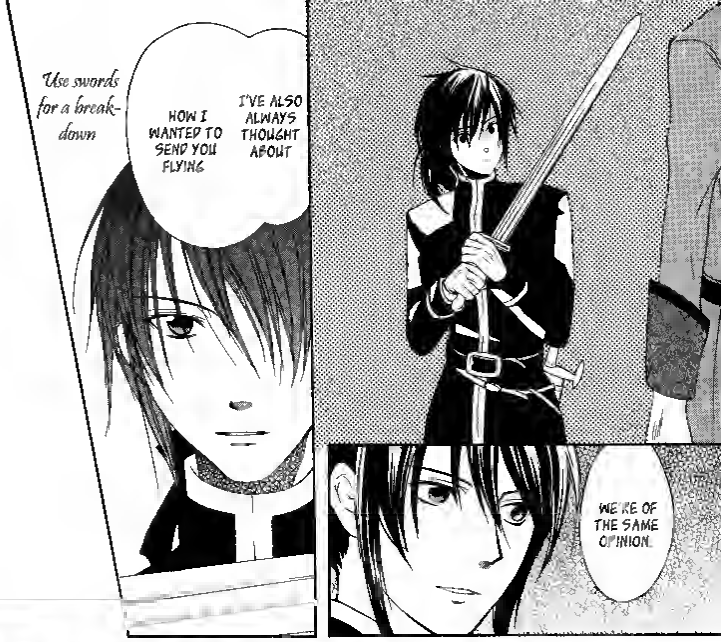
Pout Pout
I'M GETTING SLEEPY!
WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE, THE BED SHEETS ARE COLD
OH? YOUR NEWLYWED IS PRETTY INTENSE!
I WANT TO BE ALONE
I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT
ALE

What I've lost is the hand that had tugged my younger self along.
The hand of Samael. Who I even thought of as my own father.
Just once...
If I could just return once to that day..
CREAK

...OH, IT'S YOU...
JERRICK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, STANDING HERE SO ABSENT-MINDEDLY?
IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE FENCING ROOM?
...WHY WON'T YOU GIVE ME AN ANSWER?

TRY SPEAKING TO ME LIKE THAT AGAIN
I WILL GIVE SUITABLE PUNISHMENT TO THAT INSUBORDINATION
YOU COULD DO IT, COULDN'T YOU?
PRINCE
These eyes...!!
I can't put up with those eyes, staring straight at me.
DRIVE ME OUT, PUNISH ME
DO AS YOU LIKE
...BUT WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, TEACH ME JUST ONE THING
WHY DID YOU ABANDON LORD SAMAEL?
WHY DID YOU ABANDON THAT MAN?
Please stop it—
Don't make that face—

THAT IS SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T CONCERN YOU
But...
If I'm hated, it's still all right.
How great would it be if I confessed everything and shared my pain with him!
DAMN IT!
It's better for secrets to remain as secrets, shrouded in darkness.
I will never talk about it.
PLEASE TAKE THIS
BY ALL MEANS, I WILL NOT BE SATISFIED IF I DON'T KNOCK YOU AROUND


Use swords for a break-down
HOW I WANTED TO SEND YOU FLYING
I'VE ALSO ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT
WE'RE OF THE SAME OPINION.

Jerrick slashes his sword with a sense of righteousness, and he doesn't approach with tricks or art.
CLANG
CLANG
He has no hesitation or restraint, so I mustn't ease up on him here.
This is an opponent that I should treat with earnestness.
This is my chance—

bonk
WHA-?!
He kicked me...
furious
GOD DAM-MIT!
YOU BAS-TARD!
pant
pant
Whack
Whack

THAT MAN... EVEN THOUGH HE THOUGHT SO MUCH OF YOU...
DAMN IT!
JERRICK.

I SHOULD JUST PRETEND TO SHOW A FACE LIKE I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING.
I SHOULD JUST PRETEND I DIDN'T HEAR IT.
HE CAN RESENT ME. HE'LL BE DOING ME A FAVOR BY DOING SO.

I THOUGHT MUCH OF HIM AS WELL.
And yet...
YOUR HIGHNESS

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE SOMEONE'S CALLED ME BY THAT NAME.
WILLY-
WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
TO RETURN THIS TO YOUR HAND
THE TREASURED SWORD HALICION.
THE SWORD THAT BRINGS GLORY AND HONOR AND POLITICAL AUTHORITY TO ITS OWNER

...AND REGRET THAT I CAN'T TAKE BACK.
If only that sword didn't exist.
I UNDERSTAND NOW.
WHAT THAT SWORD BESTOWS ON ME IS HATRED AND ENMITY AND JEALOUSY.
I DON'T NEED IT.
I DON'T NEED THAT ANYMORE
JUST KIDDING.
IT'S ALL RIGHT I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY.
I MUST CARRY OUT MY DUTY.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THOSE WOUNDS
I'M ALL RIGHT.
MORE THAN THAT, YOU SHOULD PROPARLY CHECK UP ON JERRICK.
HALCYON HAD BEEN LEFT IN THE FENCING ROOM. IF UDOLIEL HAD GONE THERE SO AS TO TAKE HALCYON TO ME...
THEN HE MUST HAVE REALIZED ABOUT JERRICK.
AH!

ABOUT THAT IDIOT-
I WILL FIND AN AFFROFRIATE WAY TO PUNISH HIM
IT'S A FELONY TO ACT AGAINST YOUR AUTHORITY,
MUCH LESS THE FACT THAT HE RAISED HIS HAND AGAINST YOU
PLEASE WAIT
IF I TAKE OFFENSE, THEN THE ARMY WILL EXPEL HIM
There's no reason for his crime to be charged that way
His behavior was simply because his feelings were more genuine than anyone else's
If we're talking about crimes, I am probably more guilty
Even in Samael's case, I was the main culprit
PLEASE WAIT, JUST A MOMENT
IT HURTS.

It hurts.
It hurts.
What should I do
To be freed from this pain?
Ah.
Brother...
I had a feeling that
There's no way that stubborn guy would cry is there?
Alec was crying, but...
Was I dreaming?
Shiver

LOOK, I KNEW IT, THE SHEETS ARE SO COLD
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT HERE, ALEC
Hey, Brother, are you all right?
I WON'T LET YOU GO ANYWHERE.
GRIP
BROTHER.

If I lose this hand now, then I will be left behind by myself in the middle of the darkness.
The only thing I can't endure is to let go of this hand.
Be it a disease or what" ever, I won't let him be taken away

Even while I'm doing this, the present state of affairs is changing moment by moment.

The nobles who were pressed down beneath Brother's command know that now his control has weakened.

They are trying to gain political power against the royal family and get stronger.

There's only one person who can overcome personal interests and concerns...

To rule the country...

I'm about to be crushed under the darkness of the treasured sword
But the way I am now I can't hold up against the weight of a single sword that he gave me
...Only this person
whom I swore on my sword to give my soul to
Let me be able to become my brother's power

I know that he loved me.
Samael, who gripped my hand, and at times, held me up in his arms, protected me from everything
I know the truth
These are the words that I was made to hear many times when I was young.
These are the words that showed me the way.
Although at the end we disagreed with each other, he left behind all of the important things for me.
And the path that I should live by.
That sword, and those memories...
Remember.

To kneel before my brother and swear to him is not an act of subordination.
I did that because I thought
"That I must save him"
I'm not a child anymore.
I must stop relying on him for support.
I've decided to carry the burden of this treasured sword on my shoulders
To take this treasured sword in my hand
For the sake of my brother
WHO IS THAT?

WAIT... WHAT HAPPENED?!
SISTER
EH?
NOT EH! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE?
OH, IT'S ALEC?
SO YOU DID COME
YOU TWO ARE DEFINITELY BROTHERS, YOU'RE SO SIMILAR!
ALL BOTH OF YOU EVER DO IS MAKE ME WORRY
AH, THAT I'M ALL RIGHT, SO
IT'S NOTHING IMPOR-TANT... I'M SORRY
SHIT! THAT BASTARD JERRICK REALLY MUST HAVE SERI-OUSLY PUT HIS WEIGHT INTO IT

WE NEED TO TREAT THOSE WOUNDS
AH, NO, I'M FINE
I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT!
ALWAYS ONLY EVER SAYING, "IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S ALL RIGHT-"
I SUPPOSE THAT'S GENTLEMEN FOR YOU
SISTER...
LIKE A MONSTER!
...DO I REALLY LOOK THAT BAD?
A MONSTER, HUH?
PRESSURING SOMEONE AND USING YOUR AUTHORITY MIGHT ACTUALLY BE QUITE EFFECTIVE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
?

I, ALEXID, FACE THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.
I DEMAND A TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF THE ROYALTY.
END
step
step
step
I HAVE NO TIME TO HESITATE.
IT'S BEEN POINTED OUT TO ME WHAT I SHOULD DO.
SFX SAM
In that case I will follow through with it until it's accomplished.

RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
Fan Girl
It's not like YOU helped out any.
We don't have enough translators or editors
Find us some translators and editors and you'll have your next chapter
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